THE

PUBLIC GENERAL STATUTES,

5 WILLIAM IV.

CAP. I.

An Act to explain an Act of the First Year of His present Majesty, for the more effectual Administration of Justice in *England* and *Wales*, so far as relates to the Execution of Criminals in the County of *Chester*.

[20th *March* 1835.]

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the First Year of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the more effectual* 1 W. 4. c. 70.
'*Administration of Justice in* England *and* Wales, the Jurisdiction, Power, and Authority of His Majesty's Court of Session of the County Palatine of *Chester*, and of the Judges thereof, was abolished; and it was, among other Things, enacted, that the Assizes should be held for the Trial and Despatch of all Matters Criminal and Civil within the County of *Chester*, under and by virtue of Commissions of Assize, Oyer and Terminer, Gaol Delivery, and other Writs and Commissions to be issued in like Manner and Form as had been usual for the Counties in *England*, and that all Laws and Statutes then in force relating to the Execution of such Commissions when issued for Counties in *England* should extend and be applied to the Execution of the Commissions issued for the County of *Chester* under the Authority of that Act; and it was provided and enacted, that nothing in that Act contained should be construed to abolish or affect the Obligations and Duties or the Jurisdiction or Rights then lawfully imposed upon, performed, or claimed and exercised by the Mayor and Citizens of *Chester* in the Courts of the County of the City of *Chester* or otherwise, save and except that such Writs of Error or false Judgment as might then by any Charter or Usage of the said Corporation be brought upon the Judgments of the said Courts, or any of them, before any of the Courts abolished by that Act, should thereafter be issued, as in other Cases, from Inferior Courts, and be returnable into His Majesty's Court of King's Bench: And whereas before the passing of the said Act the Sheriffs of the County of the City of *Chester* were by Law liable, and were used and accustomed, to execute all Criminals convicted and condemned to Death and ordered for Execution for Offences committed within the County Palatine of *Chester*: And whereas since the passing of the said Act the Sheriffs of the County of the

'City of *Chester* have executed Criminals convicted for Offences 'committed within the County of *Chester*, and sentenced to Death 'by virtue of Commissions issued under the Authority of the said 'Act; but Doubts are entertained whether the Sentence of Death 'pronounced on Criminals for Offences committed within the County 'of *Chester* ought to be executed by the Sheriff of the County or by 'the Sheriffs of the County of the City of *Chester*;' For the Removal therefore of such Doubts, and for better effecting the Intention of the said Act, be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act the Sheriffs of the County of the City of *Chester* for the Time being shall execute the Sentence of Death upon all Criminals condemned to die for Offences committed within the County of *Chester*; and the Judges, or any One of them, named in the Commissions of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery issued or from Time to Time to be issued for the County of *Chester*, shall have full Power and Authority to make such Orders on the Constable of the Castle of *Chester* for delivering such Criminals to the Sheriffs of the County of the City of *Chester*, and on the said Sheriffs for the Execution of such Criminals by the said Sheriffs, as such Judges or Judge shall think fit; all which Orders the said Constable and Sheriffs shall be and they are hereby required to obey according to the Exigency thereof.

The Sheriffs of the County of the City of Chester to execute County Criminals.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if at any Time it shall seem fit to any Judge before whom any Criminal shall be convicted and sentenced to die for any Offence committed within the County of *Chester*, that such Criminal should be executed at any Place not within the Jurisdiction of the Sheriffs of the City of *Chester*, but within the County of *Chester*, it shall be lawful for such Judge to make any Order which he may think fit upon the Sheriff of the County of *Chester* to execute such Criminal at such Place, and also upon the Constable of the Castle of *Chester* to deliver such Criminal to the Sheriff of the County, and to do and perform, and suffer to be done and performed, all such Matters and Things as may be necessary for carrying into effect and executing such Sentence; and the said Sheriff and Constable shall be liable and are hereby required to obey all such Orders.

The Judge before whom any Criminal shall be convicted may make an Order upon the Sheriff of the County to execute such Criminal in any Place not within his Jurisdiction.

CAP. II.

An Act to amend an Act of the Thirty-eighth Year of King *George* the Third, for preventing the Mischiefs arising from the printing and publishing Newspapers, and Papers of a like Nature, by Persons not known, and for regulating the Printing and Publication of such Papers in other respects; and to discontinue certain Actions commenced under the Provisions of the said Act. [20th *March* 1835.]

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Thirty-eighth Year of the 'Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled 38 G. 3. c. 78. '*An Act for preventing the Mischiefs arising from the printing and* '*publishing*